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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97 and § 1.98, Applicants submit for consideration in the above-identified application the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. Copies of the documents were previously submitted in Information Disclosure Statements and Office Actions, directed to the related application Serial Numbers 09/188,598 filed November 9, 1998, 09/522,039 filed March 9, 2000 and 09/534,343 filed March 24, 2000. The Examiner is requested to make these documents of record in the application.

Some of the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 were cited in a Search Report (copy attached) directed to a counterpart international or foreign application.

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Applicants would appreciate the Examiner initialing and returning the Form PTO-1449, indicating that the information has been considered and made of record herein.

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